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AUSTRALIA WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC SEMINAR. OF ALL CONTRIES IN EA (WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF JAPAN) U.S. ECONOMIC STAKE HERE AND RELATED PROBLEMS ARE MATTERS OF GREATEST GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AND CHARGE, WISH TO POINT OUT THAT PRIMARY ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF THIS MISSION ARE:

1. EXPORT PROMOTION -- THIS IS ONE OF FIVE MISSIONS WORLDWIDE WHICH ARE NOW DEVELOPING PILOT COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS: WE HAVE A MAJOR TRADE CENTER IN SYDNEY.

2. INVESTMENT -- THERE ARE USDOLS 5 BILLION IN AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING FARE MORE NATIONALISTIC APPROACH TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND ROLE OF MULTINATIONALS (PRIMARILY US) IN AUSTRALIA.

3. RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY -- AUSTRALIA IS MAJOR EXPORTER OF BASIC ORES AND MINERALS AND GOA IS DEVELOPING

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"RESOURCES DIPLOMACY" WHICH WILL SEEK STRONGEST COMMERCIAL

AND POLITICAL ADVANTAGE FROM AUSTRALIA'S ROLE AS MATERIALS SUPPLIER TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY US AND JAPAN.

WE HOPE PROPOSED SEMINAR WILL RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO THESE INTERESTS AND WILL THUS HAVE PRACTICAL UTILITY FOR OUR WORK IN AUSTRALIA. MOST PARTICULARLY, BELIEVE SEMINAR SHOULD FOCUS DIRECTLY UPON HOW USIS OFFICERS CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT STATE/COMMERCE EXPORT PROMOTION DRIVE.

OUR PROBLEM IS LIMITED PERSONNEL AND TIMING. WITH INSPECTION COMING IN OCTOBER AND NEW CAO ARRIVING SAME TIME, PAO COULD NOT BE AVAILABLE. ONLY POSSIBILITY WOULD BE BPAO-SYDNEY, ANDERSON, WHO HAS JUST DEPARTED ON HOME LEAVE. ASSIGNMENT WOULD CAUSE HIM CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE BUT IT COULD BE DISCUSSED.

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